IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO. 18801 OF 2007

Between:

S. Satyavathi.

… Petitioner

and

The Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Rep by its Secretary, Forest, Energy, Environment
Science & Technology Dept, Secretariat, Hyderabad
And others.

…
Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

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This writ petition is filed by the petitioner seeking a direction to the respondents to consider the representations of the petitioner, dated 27.2.2004, 24.2.2006 and 27.1.2007 with a further direction to effect the payment of wages as per the Standard Schedule Rates pertaining to the financial year 2003-2004 to the petitioner and other members of the Vana Samrakshana Samithi, Narsapuram.

2. It is stated by the petitioner that 'A.P. Collective Forest Management Scheme' was launched under the World Bank Aid Project in Kakinada division of Rajahmundry circle for a period of five years from 2002-2003 to 2006-2007, under which around Rs.30.00 crores budget was sanctioned for treating the forest area by involving the local 'Vana Samrakshana Samithi people' in five different treatment models. The areas covered in 5 treatment models is around 32,500 hectares and the total Vana Samrakshana Samithis involved are 466, and all works have been executed through the Samithis in seven ranges of Kakinada division of East Godavari district. It is stated that the petitioners have worked during the relevant years. But, however, the petitioners were not paid the wages for their work at the scheduled rates, but paid at a rate lower than the scheduled rates. Therefore, representations have been made for payment of wages at

the scheduled rates. However, no action has been taken in spite of the representations were made from the year 2004 onwards. Therefore, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader and considered the material on record.

4. In view of the pendency of the representations of the petitioner and other members of Vana Samrakshna Samithis, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 2nd respondent to dispose of the representations of the petitioner and other members, with reference to the wages payable to them, by passing appropriate orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.

5. The writ petition is disposed of, accordingly. No costs.

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S. Ananda Reddy, J.

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